

AMEND the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE as follows:

Abstract

~~The invention relates to a~~ A method and a device (1) provide a control for ~~controlling~~
an internal combustion engine (500), in which ~~a calculation means (410)~~, before a start
of the engine, ~~recognizes~~ a possible self-ignition operating state as a function of
operating parameters is recognized and ~~ascertains~~ suitable control parameters for
preventing this possible self-ignition operating state are ascertained.

(Fig. 3).